Nebraska has already established itself as a national leader in the biofuels industry, which has benefited growers, communities, and the environment in our state.

With the successful passage of the Renewable Fuels Standard in last year's Energy Bill as well as the President's renewed focus on biofuels to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, it is clear that there is an expanded role for biofuels and other renewables in America's energy future. As co-chairman of the House Biofuels Caucus, I believe that Nebraska has an increasing role to play in supplying our energy needs not only with ethanol, but also with biodiesel and other related technologies.

To ensure Nebraska's competitiveness as new opportunities continue to emerge in biofuels and biotechnology, we must lay the groundwork to capitalize on these new opportunities, as well as expedite the process of bringing promising new technologies and innovations to the marketplace.

I have invited experts from across the country to share what they are doing to promote these efforts, and I hope you will join us for this informative discussion about the opportunity to fuel Nebraska's prosperity with today's crops.

Friday, March 24, 2006

Time:

Date:

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. CST

Cost:

\$15.00, Lunch and

materials

**Payment:** Make checks payable to: TFG (TFG is the Doane College food service provider)

### Who should attend?

Economic Development Groups, Agriculture and Commodity Groups, State and Local Government, University Faculty and Staff, Investment and Financial Groups, Private Business, Producers, and Entrepreneurs

### Registration:

Pre-registration is requested. Please submit completed registration form with payment by March 17, 2006 to:

Congressman Tom Osborne 21 E 20<sup>th</sup> Street Scottsbluff NE 69361

### Location:

The Conservatory at Doane College Crete, Nebraska

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# Biofuels: Today's Crops Fueling Tomorrow's Prosperity

A Summit on Biofuels and Their Related Industries

Hosted by Rep. Tom Osborne



Friday, March 24, 2006
Doane College
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Crete, Nebraska

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<u>Agenda</u> (Central Time)

8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome – Congressman Tom Osborne	
9:30 – 10:15	Larry Schafer, Renewable Fuels Assoc. – Washington, DC The Renewable Fuels Standard and the global impact of biofuels	
10:30 - 11:15	Jeff Probst, CEO, Blue Sun Biodiesel – Denver, CO  Biofuels Opportunities	1
11:15 - 12:00	Sam Huttenbauer, CEO, Agragen – Cincinnati, OH  Biodiesel and Crop "Pharming"	rne
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch 5	Ocho
12:45 – 1:30	Tracy Taylor, CEO, Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation Tech Transfer, and Kansas' Bioscience Initiative	Ren Tom
1:30 – 2:15	Jeff Probst, CEO, Blue Sun Biodiesel – Denver, CO Biofuels Opportunities  Sam Huttenbauer, CEO, Agragen – Cincinnati, OH Biodiesel and Crop "Pharming"  Lunch  Tracy Taylor, CEO, Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation Tech Transfer, and Kansas' Bioscience Initiative  Karen Merrick, Biosciences Coordinator, Iowa Dept. of Economic Development Iowa's Bioscience Pathway  Panel: "Solutions for Issues facing Nebraska"  Dave Hallberg, E3 Biofuels – Mead, NE Bill Julian, Biovance, Inc. – Omaha, NE	Hosted by
2:15 - 3:00	Panel: "Solutions for Issues facing Nebraska"	 
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3:00 – 3:30	Next Steps – Ken Cassman, University of Nebraska	

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